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Dear Mr. HOOVER:

I am writing this letter to get an answer to a problem that is troubling me.

Upon my discharge from the Navy, in  I want to join the Philadelphia Police Department and from there my ultimate goal is to become an agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I would like to know if you allow an agent in the Bureau to belong to a society fighting Communism. The particular society of which I am speaking is the John Birch Society. Also I would like to know your opinion of

Very Respectfully yours,

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November 30, 1962

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AIRMAIL

USS Constellation, CVA-64  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 23, 1962, has been received, and I am always glad to hear from those who are interested in a career in law enforcement.

With regard to the John Birch Society, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am sure you understand why I am unable to comment along the lines suggested by you about this organization.

In response to your inquiry [redacted] was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from [redacted] until [redacted] when he voluntarily resigned. I am not fully acquainted with [redacted] activities since he left the FBI; however, I can assure you that he has not had access to the files of this Bureau subsequent to the termination of his employment.

Enclosed is some material I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**An American's Challenge**

**The Story of the FBI**

**Facts about a Career in the... FBI**

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# Welch Says Red Influence Grows

By STANLEY AMES

(Columnist, 1944, by The Boston Herald)

The United States should cut off aid to India in its war with Red China, because Prime Minister Nehru and other Indian leaders are Communists themselves.

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The Cuba crisis is a sham designed solely to build up the United Nations—which is entirely Communist-dominated—in world esteem.

And Communism is more than ever on the march in the United States.

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These views were forcefully expressed yesterday by Robert Welch, controversial founder of the John Birch Society, in one of his rare interviews at the society's Belmont headquarters.

For more than an hour the articulate, energetic right-wing leader expounded his beliefs about a nation and world he sees as embroiled in a life-and-death struggle with Communism.

Sparing nobody, hard-bitten as ever, the John Birch Society's peppery boss found much to be indignant about but, paradoxically, also found some comfort in the recent elections.

## Rallying Point

The elections Welch said, were not nearly so disastrous to conservatism as it first appeared; in fact, the Birch Society has since become a new rallying point for conservatives.

Candidates favored by the Society did well in contests for legislature seats, and even in Congress "where wives are members or maybe these men are members ~~as, and don't say so.~~"

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Welch denounced the incident given Gen. Edwin Walker, Alger Hiss' TV appearance, and Atty. - Gen. Robert Kennedy's put-up-or-shut-up challenge to him to name the Communists he believes are in government.

He was optimistic about the Society's growth and appeared assured it would be well led "if the Communists arrange an accident" for him. As he talked to the quite whir of a tape recorder in his booklined Concord street office, he ranged from his cigars ("I don't smoke Havanas") to the philosophy which guides him.

## What He Thinks

Here, in question - and - answer form, are the highlights of the interview:

**Q**—What do you think will happen to the power balance now that India and China are fighting?

**A**—We don't plunge into diagnosing these situations in a hurry. That's one reason we've been uncannily accurate. I see no reason to change our longstanding opinion, for instance, that there's no rift between Red China and Soviet Russia. It's as completely a fraud as the "rift" between Stalin and Tito. This situation furnishes a beautiful excuse for our government to arm India—itself controlled by a Communist government. India isn't Communist, but its government is, at the top. Nehru is one of the most useful agents of the Kremlin and has been for 35 years. This will enable our government to send terrific war materials to Nehru. I would be against it.

## Hiss 'U. N. Founder'

**Q**—How do you feel about Khrushchev's backdown in the Cuba crisis?

**A**—The whole thing is a bunch of window dressing, for one purpose: to build up the United Nations and get everybody to think we have to depend on the UN to solve these problems. The UN is completely Communist-dominated. It was founded by Alger Hiss and his allies to be a Communist agency, and it has done so.

**Q**—You don't think the Russian evacuation of missiles is significant?

**A**—We're looking for the gimmick, the pretense. Why should we think things are suddenly what they look like. Why give any realism to Khrushchev's acts or words?

**Q**—Speaking of Alger Hiss, what did you think of his TV appearance?

**A**—Letting Hiss talk on TV was a disgrace. Richard Nixon attacked us (the Society) as you know. He alienated a lot of conservatives and a lot of people think he lost his race to be governor of California then.

Regardless, to let Hiss come on and give a political obituary of Nixon was horrible. We didn't do anything about this because we can't move that quickly unless it's an extreme emergency and it costs a lot of money, but plenty of people let themselves be heard without us.

## Blames Gerrymander

**Q**—What's your analysis of the election? In California three John Birchers — John Rousset, Edgar Hiestand and H. L. Richardson were defeated for Congress. In Texas Jack Seale, another Society member, lost.

**A**—They all lost in California but remember this: their districts were terribly gerrymandered; Rousset's was one of the worst cases in political history. In his old district he had 59 John Birch Society chapters; in his new district, five—eight on election day. Then the other side threw tremendous national resources and effort into the district. He lost by 6000 or 7000.

You must remember too that they all ran better than other Republican candidates in general.

gerrymandered districts. They ran well ahead of Nixon.

In Texas Seale lost by a narrow margin. All over the country we had a lot of people running for legislatures and Congressmen whose wives were members; and who were members themselves and didn't say so.

Overall, it wasn't bad. One thing surprised me: a terrific surge in interest in joining the Society, especially in districts where

our people were defeated. The reasons are obvious — our people were working very hard for their candidates and conservatives working with them saw how thorough they were. When they lost, the conservatives wanted to go on working. They were mad, disturbed, worried. A political party falls to pieces after an election. The John Birch Society didn't fall apart one damn bit. After one night's sleep they're back at work.

The conservatives needed a place to go, and education is a tremendous part of this job.

It isn't generally published, but the electorate follows its leaders.

The trouble is, the leaders must be alerted to the dangers of the leftward drive. If they are, they will vote right and the electorate will go with them. The importance of continuing education is shown by this election.

I appeared on a Los Angeles radio program after the election and I mentioned then it appeared to be a swing to the left. As I hear more about what happened elsewhere, I'm not so sure it was.

## 'Communist Press'

**Q**—What's your membership growth picture?

**A**—The rate of growth — not the number of members but the

rate of growth — slowed down last year and stayed slowed because of attacks against us. The Moscow press sets the line for the Communist press in other nations and many articles accused us of being the "greatest Fascist organization in the world". Pravda and such publications early this year devoted more space to us than to any other non-governmental agency in 40 years' history. (I exclude Joe McCarthy because he was a Senator). And this line was followed through by the Communist press in the United States.

**Q**—Do you still approve of McCarthy?

**A**—We think McCarthy was doing a grand job. He exposed

Communists and that's the way to stop them.

## Walker Case

**Q**—What's your opinion of Gen. Edwin Walker (an avowed Birchite who left the Army over his beliefs and was arrested for his activities during the riots over James Meredith at the University of Mississippi)?

**A**—One of the most horrible of all the things that happened was a plea by the prosecution for a pre-trial psychiatric examination of Gen. Walker in a criminal case. It's a violation of rights that go all the way back to King John.

Here you had a judge in Mississippi who didn't have Walker

before him issue an order at the government's plea to have Walker committed to a mental hospital prison in Missouri, and on the basis of a memo issued by a government psychiatrist 1000 miles away who never saw Walker, I would have fought it just as hard if it had happened to Eleanor Roosevelt, whose actions I never approved of.

I don't believe Walker committed any of the crimes of which he was charged. We have very good sources of information, members in Jackson and Oxford, Miss. We have taken it as our project to try to get this psychiatrist censured by medical groups.

Walker has been charged with crimes. He ought to be tried for

them. The government's doing all it can to keep him from being tried in Mississippi. I've said in our Bulletin that I disagree with much that Walker has done, as I've told him in person and by letter, but his rights should be protected. Walker is a member of the Society but he hasn't done anything in connection with the Society.

### Civil Rights

Q — What about civil rights in the Meredith case?

A — A Negro history professor at a Negro Mississippi college, his name was Clennon King, tried to get into the University's summer session some years ago

and they threw him out on his ear. Neither the NAACP, nor the other do-gooders and bleeding hearts did anything to help him. They weren't ready to capitalize on the situation.

Q — Does George Rockwell, the American Nazi Party leader, have any connection with the John Birch Society?

A — We've had no correspondence with him nor any conversation with him. We want no part of him.

Q — It's been printed that your California branch has hired a press agent to alter the Society's image there.

A — That isn't so. A paper distorted some off-the-cuff remarks (by a California leader). We have no wish to change our image. Our image is one of firmness, solidarity, dedication, determination. We have the finest men and women in America. If we develop softness around the corners, we'll be no good in the fight. Our political candidates said the Society's label was a terrific asset in the election.

### 'Card Parties'

Q — What's the Society's role in the 'card parties' in which cards saying "Buy Your Communist hams here" are slipped into dishes of Polish hams?

A — We told our people to get in touch with the Miami organization that started it and Miami sent them lists of what to do. We do all we can first by persuasion that merchants help to stop importing goods made by slave labor. Then come the card parties. I don't know if it's a good idea or not.

The slave labor behind the Iron Curtain doesn't benefit from this export. The money goes to their Communist bosses. They can convert it to gold and bury it, or they can buy stock and control in U. S. corporations with it; that's one channel into which Soviet money flows.

And this puts American labor out of jobs: 120 men laid off in a New England clothespin factory

a few weeks ago because of pins from Tito's Yugoslavia. It's no joke to a New England bicycle factory that's gradually going out of business because of Czech competition.

Q — How do your views go over before a liberal audience, such as Ford Hall Forum?

A — I got a wonderful reception there. I do from all the liberal groups I address. Organizations looking for a pretense of balance between liberal and conservative speakers take me because I'm so controversial. It shows how broad-minded they are.

### 'Not a Democracy'

Q — Does anything seem to be wrong about you?

A — They want to hear my views on why this is a republic, not a democracy, and why a democracy is just what we don't want.

Q — Where are your chapters doing best?

A — Texas and California are doing very well; we're doing well in Shreveport, La., Jackson, Miss., Amarillo, Tex., Stamford, Conn., Wichita, Kan., Nassau County, L. I., and Milwaukee, to name a few areas. We're making headway in New England but it's still way behind.

Q — Have you heard the crack that the Society consists at least in part of little old ladies in tennis shoes?

A — Our people had a lot of fun with that. In one California chapter where the membership is largely young married couples the women bought tennis shoes and a big "John Birch Society" stamp and wore the stamped shoes to market for a week.

### Mass. Election

Q — What did you think of the election in Massachusetts?

The voters rejected a referendum for a graduated state income tax that would have been a left-wing wedge and then the same people voted in a government that will do its utmost to bring in a progressive income tax. They voted against themselves. This shows the importance of education.

Q — What do you think of Barry Goldwater's apparently coming out in favor of Gov. Rockefeller of New York for the GOP Presidential nomination?

A — I haven't anything to say about Goldwater.

Q — This is considered a monolithic organization. What's been done about a successor if you're out of the picture some day?

A — Our Council has a complete right to appoint my successor if the Communists arrange an accident for me. We're gradually developing young men to take over. For a few years, the new leader would undoubtedly be a Council member.

Q — What's your opinion of the Communist influence in the United States today?

A—It's growing all the time. Atty.-Gen. Robert Kennedy attacked me for my statement that while more than 98 per cent of federal employees are loyal, a few thousand in the right places can do terrific damage to the free world. Kennedy demanded that Welch name these people.

I said I hadn't the slightest idea who they were but if I'm walking across a golf course with the club president and there are holes on every fairway, dug out by five irons, and the divots are lying around and I say to the president "it's a beautiful course but members or caddies don't care to keep it that way," then he says "tell me who they are" — well, I don't know who they are. It's not my job to find out. I'm talking about the visible effects, and it's not my function to find out or tell who they are.

Q—Thank you, Mr. Welch.

A—You're quite welcome.

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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February 4, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a letter addressed to you by several of my constituents, who are responsible citizens of Wichita, Kansas. I can assure you these people are genuinely interested in the objectives outlined in their letter and will deeply appreciate any suggestions or assistance you can give them. They would be honored by a direct reply from you.

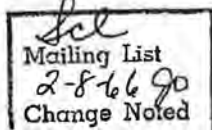
I wish to add my personal thanks for your attention to this matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Garner E. Shriver

Garner E. Shriver  
Member of Congress



WICHITA COUNCIL FOR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

P. O. Box 876  
Wichita, Kansas 67202

January 13, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We would consider it a significant honor if you could take a few moments from your very busy and important schedule to give the undersigned group of Wichita citizens, trying our best to be responsible and patriotic and we believe these terms are synonymous, guidance in the most constructive manner in which we might be of assistance in opposing communism.

In our city, we have been besieged with expressions of anti-communism as voiced by the John Birch Society. We need not elaborate on the totality of what these expressions embrace for we are sure that you are more knowledgeable than we. We are convinced that the approach of such extremists groups should not be followed by the citizens of this community or this country. Our opposition to the Birch Society and other extremists on the "right" is perhaps well categorized under point No. 5 in Chapter 22 of your book "Masters of Deceit".

However, we do not want to be derelict in anything that we should be doing constructively in addressing ourselves to the defeat of communism. We have read and concur with your recommendations contained in Chapters 22 and 24 of "Masters of Deceit".

We do wonder, with developments since the date the book was written, whether you might give further suggestions to us and to other citizens as the most effective and worthwhile manner to oppose communism. We feel our city needs help in understanding the proper way to fight communism.

Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely yours X

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Honorable Garner E. Shriver  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

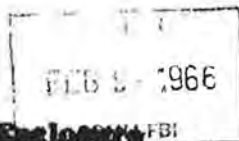
My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of February 4th enclosing a letter to me from the members of the Wichita Council for Civic Responsibility.

I want to thank you for bringing this to my attention, and I am enclosing a copy of my reply to the group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: Congressman Shriver is on the Special Correspondents' List and we are enjoying favorable relations with him. There is no record of the Wichita Council for Civic Responsibility in Bufiles.

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